

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

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Name of Country : Cameroon
Name of Project : Tropical Roots and Tubers Research
Number of Project: 631-0058

1. Section 103 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize the Root and Tuber Food Crops Research Project for Cameroon, ("Cooperating Country" or "GRC"), involving planned obligations not to exceed \$5,800,000 in grant funds over a five year period from the date of initial obligation, subject to the availability of funds in accordance with the AID/OYB allotment process, to help in financing foreign exchange and local currency costs for the project. No project grant agreement shall be executed and no other obligation of funds under this Project shall be made until the funds to be obligated shall have been allocated to the Mission and the waiting period following Congressional Notification shall have passed without objection being raised by Congress.
2. The Project will contribute to the improvement of the Cameroonian farmer socio-economic welfare through increased productivity of root and tuber food crops. The purpose of the project includes 1) developing domestically acceptable varieties of cocoyam which are resistant to Root Rot and Blight Complex 2) developing technically and economically feasible rapid seedstock multiplication methods for yam, cassava and cocoyam systems 3) studying the nature and magnitude of post harvest losses of root and tuber crops, the processing and utilization constraints of root and tuber food crop systems and recommended researchable problems and opportunities for improving the systems and 4) assisting in the institutional development of IRA in root and tuber crops research.
3. The Grant Agreement which may be negotiated and executed by the officer(s) to whom such authority is delegated in accordance with AID Regulations and Delegations of Authority shall be subject to the following essential terms and conditions, together with such other terms and conditions as AID may deem appropriate:

A. Source and Origin of Goods and Services

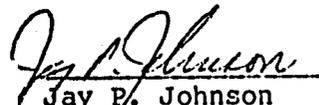
Goods and services, except for ocean shipping, financed by AID under the Cooperative Agreement shall have their source and origin in the United States or in Cameroon, except as AID may otherwise agree in writing. Except for ocean shipping, the suppliers of commodities or services shall have the United States or Cameroon as their place of nationality, except as AID may otherwise agree in writing. Ocean shipping financed by AID under the grant shall, except as AID may otherwise agree in writing, be financed only on flag vessels of the United States.

B. Conditions Precedent: The Grant Agreement will include in substance the following essential conditions precedent to disbursement:

1. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents pursuant to which disbursement will be made, the recipient shall furnish to AID in form and substance satisfactory to AID:
 - a. Evidence of a written agreement between UMES and the GRC authorizing UMES to carry out the project in accordance with its terms; and
 - b. Evidence of a written agreement among UMES, Alabama A&M University and Florida A&M University which identifies each party's responsibilities and obligations under the project and commits each party to collaborate and cooperate with the other in carrying out the project.
2. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents under the Grant or Cooperative Agreement to finance local costs, the responsible AID officer shall have made the programming determinations required under AID Handbook 1B, Chapter 18A 1.c.

C. Waivers

1. The following waiver to AID regulations is hereby approved: A procurement and source origin waiver from AID Geographic Code 000 (United States) to Code 935 (Special Free World) for the procurement of four vehicles in an amount of \$50,000.
2. I hereby certify that the exclusion of procurement of the above described commodities from Free World Countries other than the Cooperating Country and countries included in AID Geographic Code 941 would seriously impede the attainment of US foreign policy objectives and objectives of the foreign assistance program.
3. With respect to the procurement of the above described vehicles, I hereby find that special circumstances exist to waive, and do hereby waive, the requirements of section 636 (i) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.


Jay P. Johnson
Director

Date Aug. 29, 1986

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